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Work and Workers.

A CARRIAGE road will soon be constructed between Jerusalem and Nâblus.

DR. WALLACE N. STEARNS, who has been for some years a student in New Testament Greek at Harvard University, has been appointed to an instructorship in biblical Greek in that institution.

THE second and concluding volume of Professor Ganneau's *Archæological Researches*, dealing with "Jerusalem and its Neighborhood," is now published. The edition is limited to five hundred copies, and the price of the two volumes is £12 12s.

THE retirement of Dr. Philip S. Moxom from the presidency of the Bible Normal College, of Springfield, Mass., is announced. Rev. David Allen Reed, who was the former president of the institution, has again been appointed to that office, and Mr. George H. Archibald, of Montreal, has been made vice-president and financial secretary of the institution.

THE *Critical Review*, now published by Messrs. Williams & Norgate, is to be published bimonthly instead of quarterly, in January, March, May, July, September, November. The subscription price is somewhat increased, to 8s. 6d. annually. The body type of the magazine has been changed to a larger size, which is easier for the eyes, but considerably decreases the amount of the contents.

AN event of interest to biblical scholars of America will be the presence in this country, during the early summer, of Professor J. Rendel Harris, of Cambridge University, England, who will give the Library Lectures at Haverford College, Pennsylvania, an institution at which he was for some time a professor; he will also take part in the Friends' Summer School at Haverford, in the latter part of June.

MORE than three hundred scholars and specialists are at work on *The Jewish Encyclopædia*, which, when completed, will be published by the Funk & Wagnalls Co. This work will be issued in twelve volumes, and comprises the history, religion, literature, and customs of the Jewish people from the earliest times to the present day. The managing editor is Dr. Isidore Singer, of Vienna. The list of collaborators includes some of the most eminent scholars of the age.

WE have received from the Light Street Presbyterian Church, of Baltimore, Md., a manual of their Bible school, which shows the system of grading there adopted, and the courses of study which make up the school's curriculum. There is much to commend in the ideas which this church has worked out. We have no doubt that they would be glad to assist other schools with specific information of their methods upon request. The pastor is Rev. William L. Everitt, to whom such requests might be made.

RABBI ISAAC M. WISE, founder and president of the Hebrew Union College at Cincinnati, Ohio, died on March 26 last, at the age of eighty-one years. Dr. Wise was born in Austria, and received his training in the universities of Prague and of Vienna. He came to this country in 1846, acting as rabbi with a congregation in Albany until 1849, when he changed to a similar position in Cincinnati, and continued to hold this office up to the close of his life. He has been for years one of the most respected and influential of Jewish scholars in this country, and his death is a great loss to the institution of which he was the head and to Judaism in America.

IN the *Zeitschrift für Theologie und Kirche* (Vol. IX, No. 1) Erich Foerster makes what is probably the first attempt of its kind to determine from the published utterances of prominent contemporaries in the departments of technical scholarship, politics, and belles-lettres, the attitude of non-theological educated circles of Germany toward Christianity. The discussion of ninety-six pages is full of valuable citations which show that the position of these circles is more favorable toward Christianity, though not to the traditional forms, than has generally been supposed to be the case. The article is an exceptionally valuable contribution to modern religious thought.

THE death of President Edward C. Mitchell, D.D., of Leland University, New Orleans, La., took place on February 27 last. The seventy years of Dr. Mitchell's life have been busy and useful ones. He was graduated from Colby University in 1849, and from Newton Theological Institution in 1853. Since that time he has held professorships in Shurtleff College, in Regent's Park College, London, in the Baptist Theological School in Paris, in the Roger Williams University, Nashville, Tenn.; and for the last thirteen years he has been president of Leland University. His most valuable contribution to the study of the Bible is the *Critical Handbook of the Greek New Testament*, published (second edition) by Messrs. Harper & Brothers, 1896.

THE CHICAGO SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL RESEARCH held its twenty-fourth regular session on March 17 in Chicago. The following papers were presented: "Prophecy and the Sign," by Dr. J. W. Zaring, of Garrett Biblical Institute; "Exegetical Note upon Amos 5:26," by Dr. W. Muss-Arnolt, of the University of Chicago; "Nominal Sentences in the Psalms, and a Critical Note upon Psalm 49:8–10," by Professor A. S. Carrier, of McCormick Theological Seminary; and "The Beatitudes of Jesus," by Professor C. W. Votaw, of the University of Chicago. The annual election of officers resulted in the appointment of Professor Charles Horswell, of Garrett Biblical Institute, as president of the society for the ensuing year, and the reëlection of Professor Carrier as secretary and Professor Votaw as treasurer.

THE small monthly organ of the Southern Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., the *Bible Student and Religious Outlook*, edited by Professors McPheeters, Smith, and Brimm, entered upon a somewhat larger field at the beginning of this year by securing the editorial coöperation of Professors Warfield and Davis, of Princeton Theological Seminary, and of Dr. Purves, now a New York pastor. The size of the magazine has been increased to sixty pages, the name has been shortened to the *Bible Student*, and the price has been increased to $2 a year. The publication aims to represent what has come to be known as the "Princeton school" of biblical interpretation, which regards with distrust and disapproval the work that is being done by the present generation of biblical scholars, so far as its results deviate from that interpretation of the Bible which was current a generation ago.

ONE wonders why the editors of the *Journal of Theological Studies*, the new theological journal of the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, did not do the public the favor of beginning their publication on the calendar year. It is an awkward English custom, which should be dropped, to make a volume begin in the month of October. This is perfectly clear to one who wishes to bind up and refer to the back volumes of a journal. The German practice is the right one, namely, to refer to a magazine article, not by the number of the *volume* in which it appeared, but by the *year*. This enables one, not only to find the article as readily, but also to note the time at which it was written, a matter of much importance. There would seem to be no excuse for a new magazine to perpetuate the old inconvenient method whereby the volume runs across two years, so that reference to it by the year is excluded. Even yet this *Journal* should change to the even year, by

putting five numbers into Vol. I, making Vol. II begin with January, 1901. Just this method was pursued two years ago by the *Theologische Rundschau.*

A NEW German quarterly review has just been established, the first number of which appeared in February; the subsequent numbers for the year will appear in May, August, and November. The title of the periodical is the *Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft und die Kunde des Urchristentums.* The publisher is Ricker, Giessen, and the annual subscription is M. 10. It will be edited by Dr. Erwin Preuschen, the collaborator with Professor Harnack on the massive work, *Geschichte der altchristlichen Litteratur bis Eusebius*, and the associate editors will be Professors Achelis, Bousset, and Schürer, of Göttingen; Professors Baldensperger, O. Holtzmann, and Krüger, of Giessen; Professors Bornemann and Wernle, of Basel; Professor Deissmann, of Heidelberg; Professors Grafe and Meyer, of Bonn; Professor J. H. Holtzmann, of Strassburg; Professor Jülicher, of Marburg; Professor Schmiedel, of Zürich; Professor Wrede, of Breslau; and Professors Harnack, von Soden, Weinel, and Wendland, of Berlin.

The review promises to occupy the advance position advocated by Wrede, Krüger, Bousset, and others, whereby what they consider an artificial barrier about apostolic Christianity is removed, and the development of Christian thought, practice, and literature is traced continuously from Jesus down. There is much truth in the contention that New Testament Christianity has often been isolated from primitive Christianity outside of the New Testament, contemporaneous and subsequent, and therefore we have something to learn from these scholars. We shall be greatly helped in discovering how far they are right by this periodical which will aim first of all to expound their ideas, and to apply them to the study of early Christianity. The *Zeitschrift* does not intend to give general reviews of current publications, but will notice at some length and critically the few most important new works as they appear; also, a bibliography will be furnished semi-annually, attached to the second and fourth numbers of the year. We have abundant reason to welcome this new periodical, for while theology in all its branches is a field occupied by many journals, latest of all by the English *Journal of Theological Studies*, the field of New Testament and sub-New Testament Christianity has not received adequate attention.